



PATENT  
Docket No.: 11641/30

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Aaron RAPHEL et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 10/033,863  
FILED : December 19, 2001  
FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING  
MEMBRANES  
GROUP ART UNIT : 1734  
EXAMINER : Jerry Lorengo

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Invention I - claims 1 to 13; and
- Invention II - claims 14 to 43.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Invention II, i.e., claims 14 to 43.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

**FEES**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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